not to any other source, but I cannot ensure or guarantee the hon. Member that we will continue to bring it in bulk. We always look at the parity of the rates, whether the palmoline rate is going up or the sunflower rate is coming down. Taking into consideration the price variation also we have to do it. Recently we have diversified this arrangement by switching over a litle, so that our capacity of bringing edible oil from various parts of the world is met and we should not concentrate to any one basket, so that we could also get the most favourite price whenever we liked to get it.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: There are a number of oil mills closed down in the country due to non-availability of oilseeds due to severe drought. Will the Government consider importing oilseeds instead of importing oil in order to provide employment and also add to the productivity in the country? Secondly, the All-India Scheduled Caste Development Society has given a proposal to import rapeseeds. They have given all the relevant samples etc. and the proposal is pending with the Government for the last four months. How much time will the Ministry take to clear this proposal?

SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI: So far as oilseeds are concerned, again I may repeat that is is not in our existing policy to allow individual parties to bring them. It should be brought through canalised agencies. Whosoever are interested, they have to register their requirement, we shall examine it and then accord permission to bring it through the canalised agency.

So far as other issues are concerned which are kept for examination, I am not fully aware of these because I have to consult the Agriculture Ministry and the Civil Supplies Ministry in this regard before I answer it. I will certainly do it and inform the hon. Member accordingly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Loan Melas

*22. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the procedure for disbursing loans to the poorer sections of the society through loan melas was introduced;

(b) what is the number of such loan melas held so far;

(c) what is the total amount of loans disbursed so far through such loan melas; and

(d) whether such loan melas will be continued till the end of the current five Year Plan period or it will be extended further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The public sector banks have been organising credit camps as a part of the overall measures taken by them to improve the flow of credit to weaker sections. The present data reporting system of banks does not yield information in respect of number of credit camps held, amount disbursed and beneficiaries involved.

Illicit Trading in Explosives

*24. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the weekly magazine 'Sunday' (3rd—9th April, 1988 issue) to the effect that there is a lot of illicit trading in explosives and that exploive dealers inavariable enjoy political patronage;

(b) whether it is a fact that explosive traders in Rajasthan have been violating the provisions under the Indian Explosive Substances Act, 1908;